

Charles H. Rosher Dendereh records

1007

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Penn Museum Archives
Creator	Rosher, Charles H.
Title	Charles H. Rosher Denderah records
Call number	1007
Date [inclusive]	1897-1898
Extent	01 linear foot
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Charles H. Rosher was a trained engineer who worked with W.M. Flinders Petrie on archaeological sites in Egypt. Flinders Petrie's recommendation of Rosher as a capable engineer to the Penn and Cairo Museums resulted in his employment to remove several monuments from a site in Tanis. As a part of his duties, Rosher was charged with obtaining a permit for the work. As the permit did not materialize, Sara Yorke Stevenson of the Egyptian section of the museum traveled to Cairo to expedite the process. The diplomacy required to obtain the necessary permits and approvals from the Egyptian governing authorities proved too difficult for even Mrs. Stevenson. While embroiled in the process however, she dismissed Rosher to work for three months with Flinders Petrie to gain basic archaeological skills. As fate would have it, due to delays, Petrie was not able to meet with Rosher nor to train him. Rosher did perform some work at Denderah and surveyed at the Tanis site. A dispute over his request for more money from the museum led to Penn accepting Rosher's resignation. The permit was never issued to Penn to excavate or remove monuments at Tanis. The Charles S. Rosher collection consists of two drawings from his time in</p>

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Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Drawings (visual works)

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Egypt

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Flinders Petrie, William M.
- Rosher, Charles H.
- Stevenson, Sara Yorke, 1847-1921

SUBJECT(S)

- Archaeology--Burials

Collection Inventory

DRAWINGS, 1897-1898.

	Drawer
Details of Some of the Tombs Excavated at Denderah, 1898.	M-18-3
Dendera Sketch Map of the Ancient Cemetery, 1897-1898.	M-18-3